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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DDP
 Deputy Director (Support)
 Deputy Director (Intelligence)
 General Counsel

SUBJECT: Revision to Executive Order Establishing
 the Operations Coordinating Board

1. This is a request for expression of views for the benefit of the DCI. He will be briefed on this subject Tuesday afternoon, 23 October 1956. Your views by noon of that day will be appreciated.

2. Attached is a draft of a proposed revision of the Executive Order establishing the OCB, prepared by Mr. [REDACTED]. The Director will be asked to concur at the OCB meeting of October 24.

3. This draft consolidates three previous Executive Orders. It, furthermore, in the underlined passages, provides that the OCB, as the President originally intended, shall be part of the NSC mechanism. The Attorney General has ruled that such integration can be legally accomplished without new legislation provided the funds for OCB are included as a line item in the appropriation for the NSC. It is contemplated that such a budget request will be sought in the appropriations for FY'58 (and if approved, parallel provisions in the CIA and Defense budgets will be eliminated).

4. While separate funds will not be available until July 1, 1957 it is contemplated that sofar as possible the proposed consolidation will be informally carried out immediately.

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5. It is contemplated that this action will clarify the status and increase the prestige of the OCB and that there will be savings as the result of the consolidation of services of common concern and as the result of subjecting the staff structure and expenses of OCB to the scrutiny of the Bureau of the Budget. The advantage to CIA of transferring two-thirds of the cost of OCB to the NSC budget is obvious.

6. It is not contemplated that there will be substantial changes in the Board's procedures. The Executive Officer, although reporting to the Executive Secretary of the NSC on administrative matters, will otherwise take his direction from the Board.

7. The reason for urgency in adopting this Executive Order is to meet the wishes of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget to enable him to expedite the inclusion of OCB in current preparations for appropriations.



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Draft Executive Order